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Division of Aging and Adult Services

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DEAR COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES
DEAR AREA MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR

ATTENTION: Adult Services Supervisors
Social Services Security Officers
Area Mental Health Security Officers

SUBJECT: Reconciliation of DHHS Blanket Bond

The Adult Services Section of the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) is responsible for management of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Blanket Bond for Disinterested Public Agent Guardians. As part of this responsibility, we are preparing for the 2005 annual accounting with the insurance carrier. This accounting requires that accurate information be submitted to the insurance carrier regarding the names of all wards represented by public agent guardians and the amount of each ward's bond. It is important that our records be kept up-to-date to maintain valid coverage for each ward registered in the DHHS Blanket Bond system. In addition, the amount of the premium paid by DHHS for the total bond is based on the aggregate amount of bond for each ward. You are responsible for notifying DAAS of any changes in the status of each ward throughout the year.

New Process for Obtaining "Wards by Agency Report"

In the past you have received a hard copy of your "Wards by Agency Report" to review and update if needed. This year's annual reconciliation will be done differently. You will now be able to access your "Wards by Agency Report" online instead of receiving a hard copy. We have worked with the Division of Information Resource Management (DIRM) to give you, with the assistance of your agency's security officer, the ability to produce your own "Wards by Agency Report" from the DHHS Client Services Data Warehouse (CSDW). All DHHS Blanket Bond information sent to DAAS from disinterested public agent guardians is entered into the DHHS Blanket Bond database and then stored in the CSDW.

Services staff should meet with their agency's security officer to establish a collaborative plan for accessing the report. All social services and area mental health security officers have already been granted access to the CSDW, which is found at the following website: <https://www.dw.dhhs.state.nc.us/wi/>. The "Wards by Agency Report" may be obtained by doing the following:

1. Click on "*Corporate Reports*" on the left hand side of the screen.
2. Go to "*Categories*" drop down list in upper left of page and highlight "*Guardianship*".
3. Click on "*Active – Wards by Agency Report*".
4. You will be asked to respond to the following prompts:

 "*Agency Type Equal to*" – you must highlight your agency type.

 "*Report Month Equal to*" – click on "*Refresh List*" and use the drop down list to obtain the most current date.
5. After highlighting the appropriate entries, click on "*Run Query*" and your "*Wards by Agency Report*" will appear.
6. Print out a copy of the report.

Security officers needing additional assistance with the CSDW system can contact csdwsupport@ncmail.net, or call (919) 855-3200 and choose Option 2.

Making Changes and Updates to Your List of Wards

When your printed copy of the "Wards by Agency Report" has been obtained, we request that the entries be reviewed for accuracy, with particular attention paid to the following:

- Wards you are no longer responsible for and whose names should be deleted from your list.
- Wards you are responsible for but whose names are not on the list.
- Wards' dates of birth.
- The amount of the estate and bond coverage listed for each ward.
- The name and position of the public agent guardian.

Please note that North Carolina General Statute 35A-1239 requires bond coverage for all disinterested public agents appointed to serve as guardians, whether they are appointed to service as guardians of the person, estate or general guardians.

If you need to make changes and/or updates to your DHHS Blanket Bond list, you must still submit them in hard copy, using a DHHS-7016 (rev. 1/04) form. A copy of the form may be obtained at <http://info.dhhs.state.nc.us/olm/manuals/doa/gs/man/dhhs7016.pdf>.

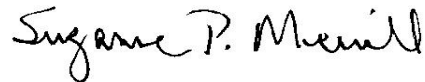
All DHHS-7016 forms containing necessary changes and/or updates to your list of wards should be mailed to:

Kate Walton, Guardianship Program Consultant
Division of Aging and Adult Services
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2101 Mail Service Center
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PLEASE SUBMIT ALL CHANGES AND/OR UPDATES BY JANUARY 31, 2006.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Walton at (919) 733-3818. County departments of social services may contact their Adult Programs Representatives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne P. Merrill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne P. Merrill, Chief
Adult Services Section

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